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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-27 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1 and 23 have been amended to replace every occurrence of "rail" with "guide element." Claim 3 has been amended to replace "rail" with "seat."

Claims 26 and 27 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 112 rejections. Claim 26 has been amended to replace "rail" with "seat" or "guide element." Therefore, claims 26 and 27 are now in condition for allowance.

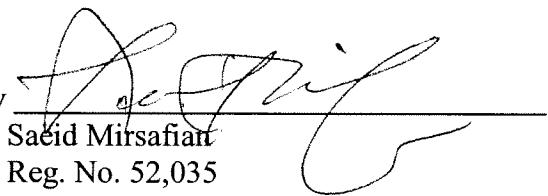
Claims 1-16, 18-21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) over Hibbard (US 2,549,902). Applicants have amended claims 1 and 23 to recite "a one-piece first guide element extended in a seat longitudinal direction ... a one-piece second guide element extended in the seat longitudinal direction," and "wherein a first sliding guide is formed by a guiding slide provided on the first guide element and a guiding pin projecting from the second guide element to slide in the guiding slide of the first guide element and that a second sliding guide of the two sliding guides is formed by a guiding pin projecting from the first guide element and a guiding slide provided on the second guide element to slidably receive the guiding pin of the first guide element." Applicants believe that Hibbard does not teach or suggest the noted limitations of claims 1 and 23. Therefore, claims 1 and 23 and dependent claims 2-16, 18-21 and 24-25 are patentable over Hibbard.

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Claims 17 and 22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) over Hibbard. Because claim 1 is patentable over Hibbard, claims 17 and 22 are also patentable over Hibbard.

Applicants believe that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

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